President: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 720 under Demand XXXI—Miscellaneous charges for payment of water tax to the Trivandrum Municipality in respect of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall for the years 1111 to 1114 M. E.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRIVANDRUM CITY MUNICIPAL BILL.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to present the report of the joint Committee on the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill.

Mr. James Fletcher: I second it.

THE TRAVANCORE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES BILL.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that Mr. K. M. Kesavan be nominated a member to the Joint Committe on the Travancore District Municipalities Bill in the place of Mr Padiyara Joseph Kunju.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Pro-Vice Chancellor*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE CONTRACT BILL.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to introduce the Travancore Contract Bill as passed by the Assembly. Honourable members might be aware of the fact that this and four other bills relating to commercial laws have been prepared and presented to the Assembly and they have been passed by that House. The attempt is to cure a defect in the existing law. The defect is that no attempt has so far been made for the purpose of codifying these laws. We have been following the Indian Contract Act for the purpose of deciding questions relating to Contracts. No doubt, some attempts have been made to question the correctness of the rules contained in the Indian Contract Act and our High Court have on one or two occasions, refused to be bound by the provisions contained in that Act and have chosen to follow the English law as such law was found to be more consistent with justice, equity and good conscience. It has been thought desirable and, I am quite sure honourable members will agree with me that there must be uniformity in commercial laws. For the purpose of achieving both these purposes this and the succeeding bills have been framed on the basis of the British Indian Acts. The Travancore Contract

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Bill is based on the Indian Contract Act of 1872. No attempt has been made to improve upon those provisions. We have been generally following the provisions contained in the Indian Contract Act. It is therefore thought desirable and expedient to follow the provisions contained in the Indian Contract Act and therefore it is that I stated that no attempt has been made to effect any alteration. I move that the Travancore Contract Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

The question that the Travancore Contract Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 193.

The question that clauses 1 to 193 form part of the Travancore Contract Bill was put and carried. Sections 1 to 193 were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and the Title form part of the Bill was put and carried. The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Sir I beg to move that the Travancore Contract Bill be passed.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

The question that the Bill be passed was put and carried. The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE SALE OF GOODS BILL.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to introduce the Travancore Sale of Goods Bill as passed by the Assembly.

Sir, this, as I have already stated is based on the corresponding British Indian Act *viz.*, Act III of 1930. Here also no attempt has been made to make any departure from the British Indian Law on the subject. I move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

The question that the Travancore Sale of Goods Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 65.

The question whether clauses 1 to 65 stand part of the ill was put and carried. Clauses 1 to 65 were added to the Bill.

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